

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 3144 – HB 3368

April 27, 2010

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS (014479, 017949):** Codifies that an individual who administers medications as a certified medication aide in nursing homes or assisted living facilities is under the general supervision of either a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse. Requires the Board of Medical Examiners to grant an extension beyond seven years from the date of whichever step of the United States Medical Licensing Examination was completed first to an applicant who is licensed in good standing in another jurisdiction and who has otherwise met the licensure requirements.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant/Board of Nursing

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant/Board of Nursing  
/Board of Medical Examiners

Assumptions applied to amendments:

- Chapter 403 of the Public Acts of 2009 created the certified medication aide program.
- The Board of Nursing may need to revise certain recently adopted rules pertaining to the program. Any necessary rulemaking hearing will be accomplished during a regularly scheduled board meeting. Any increase in expenditures will not be significant and can be accommodated within the existing resources of the Board of Nursing.
- Granting an extension beyond the current seven years to a licensure applicant who is in good standing in another jurisdiction and who has met all other licensure requirements will not result in a significant increase in work load of the Board of Medical Examiners.
- Any cost can be accommodated within existing resources of the Board of Medical Examiners without an increase in fee revenue.

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. As of June 30, 2009, the Board of Nursing had a deficit of \$23,974.85 and the Board of Medical Examiners had a balance of \$501,386.25.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

James W. White, Executive Director

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